

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 22 and ending on page 1, line 24 with the following paragraph (which has been marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version):

--Still another object of the present invention is to provide such a planter which can be easily suspended in an elevated condition above the ground for tending of the plant.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 9 and ending on page 5, line 24 with the following paragraph (which has been marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version):

--Turning now to the drawings in greater detail and considering first Figs. 1 and 3, there is shown an embodiment, generally indicated 20, of a planter within which features of the present invention are incorporated. The planter 20 includes a container 22 having an interior 24 and divider means, indicated 25, including at least one divider 26 (two shown in Fig. 2 [1]) which is positionable within the container 22 for separating the container interior 24 into a lower compartment and at least one upper compartment. As will be apparent herein, an upper compartment of the container interior 24 provides a cavity within which a soil-less mix can be placed and onto which water and/or fertilizer can be poured while the lower compartment can contain dirt or potting soil and the roots of a plant to be grown within

the planter 20. In any event, it is the interior 24 of the container 22 within which materials used for plant growth are placed.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 20 and ending on page 8, line 12 with the following paragraph (which has been marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version):

--The bottom member 32 (best shown in Figs. 3-5) is plate-like in form and is constructed of relatively rigid material, such as stiff plastic, and has a circular recess section 60 formed centrally therein, and the bottom of the recess section 60 includes a center hole 64 so that an inwardly-directed flange 66 encircles the center hole 64. The bottom member 32 is sized to be positionable within the bottom of the bag 48 while the circular recess section 60 is sized to be accepted by the center hole 54 (Fig. 7) formed in the bottom 52 of the bag 48. Therefore and when the bottom member 32 is positioned within the bottom of the bag 48, the recess section 60 protrudes downwardly through the center hole 54 of the container bottom 52. As will be apparent herein, the center hole 64 of the recess section 60 provides the opening through which the stem 46 of the plant 23 extends as the root system 44 is supported within the interior 24 of the container 22. If desired, the bottom member 32 can be reinforced with a plurality of ribs 68 (Fig. 4) extending between the recess section 60 and the periphery of the bottom member 32.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 23 and ending on page 9, line 9 with the following paragraph (which has been marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version):

--As mentioned earlier, an upper compartment of the bag 48 [46] provides a cavity within which a soil-less mix can be contained and into which water and/or fertilizer can be poured while the lower compartment is intended to contain dirt or potting soil placed therein, as well as the root system of the plant 23 to be grown within the planter 20. Because of the porous nature of the divider 26, water and/or fertilizer positioned above the lower compartment is permitted to seep downwardly through the divider 26 where it is dispersed through the dirt or potting soil for absorption by the plant 23 through its root system 44. The material out of which each divider 26 is constructed is preferably soft porous foam material, such as a porous polyurethane foam, but other materials can be employed.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 10 and ending on page 10, line 8 with the following paragraph (which has been marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version):

--With reference to Figs. 3, 4, 6 and 7, the retainer member 33 of the depicted planter 20 is in the form of a foam body 34 which is substantially cylindrical in form and which is sized to

be accepted by the circular recess of the recess section 60 and rest upon the inwardly-directed flange 66 when placed downwardly into the recess section 60, as illustrated in Fig. 4. In addition, the foam body 34 includes a slit 70 which extends from about the center of the body 34 to the outer periphery thereof. By manually spreading the foam body 34 apart at the slit 70 (as illustrated in Fig. 4), the slit 70 is in condition to accept the stem 46 of a plant 23 inserted sideways therein and so that by inserting the plant stem 46 sideways therein and subsequently releasing the foam body 34, the inherent resiliency of the foam body 34 closes the slit 70 about the plant stem 46. With the slit 70 closed about the plant stem 46 in this manner, and the foam body 34 positioned within the recess section 60 of the bottom member 32 (as illustrated in Fig. 7), dirt, potting soil or other material used for plant growth and which is positioned adjacent the root system 44 within the container interior 22 [24] is prevented from falling out of the container 24 through the center hole 64 of the recess section 60. It follows that the foam body 34 acts as a retainer member which cooperates with the bottom member 32 for holding the plant 23 (Figs. 1 and 2) in an upside-down condition within the bottom of the planter 20.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 14, line 8 and ending on page 14, line 22 with the following paragraph (which has been marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version):

--An amount of materials, such as styrofoam peanuts or gravel, is [it] then placed atop the bottom member 32 to form a shallow layer therein (of about 1.5 inches in depth), and then a soil-less (and preferably well-moistened) mix of, for example, Canadian peat, vermiculite and perlite is carefully placed by hand inside the bag 48 and around the root system 44 of the plant 23. All of the lower open areas within the bottom of the bag 48 should be firmly filled with the soil-less mix. Upon filling the soil-less mix to about one-third up from the bottom of the bag 48, one of the dividers 26 is then be placed on top of the soil-less mix. When placed within the bag 46, Each divider 26 help to keep water and fertilizer properly distributed throughout the compartment disposed beneath the divider 26, and when soil occasionally gets too dry, prevents water from flowing through the divider 26 too rapidly.--